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- 1. The location of the Optische Werke Rathenow (OWR) is shown in the attached sketch in which the various buildings and installations are numbered as follows:
 - I. OWR installation
 - 1. Administration building
 - 2-8. Factory buildings
 - 9. Main entrance
 - II. Old workshops occupied by Volkspolizei.
- The plant (which suffered very little war damage) employs about 3,000 persons. Work is carried on in two and three shifts.
- Products include optical instruments, binoculars, periscopes for submarines, and sundry equipment for ships and aircraft. The OWR collaborates with the Carl Zeiss, Jena, plant.
- 4. The principal customers are the USSR and the East German Government; Poland and Czechoslovakia are less important as consumers of OWR products.
- 5. The installation is guarded by Volkspolizei and Werkschutz personnel.

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